



# Limassol C3A Gardening Group



joined forces with

## GEOLOGY & EARTH SCIENCES

The Limassol C3A Gardening Group joined forces with Geology & Earth Sciences Group and visited the Geopark and Troodos Botanical Gardens at the site of the old Amiantos asbestos mine which has been beautifully restored by the Cyprus Forestry Department. The Visitors Centre and Museum housed in the village schoolhouse has fascinating exhibits and a very good video of how Cyprus emerged from the sea like the mythical Aphrodite.

Neither the residents of Cyprus nor foreign visitors would suspect that the wooded peak of Troodos is actually the deepest layer of a section of oceanic crust and the Earth's upper mantle that was formed 90 million years ago, 8000 meters below the present sea level.

The Botanical Gardens show the restoration work carried out after the mine was abandoned with colourful displays of poppies, valerian and other herbs, bird song and raucous calls of frogs occupying the pond, making the visit one to remember.

To find out more about C3A group activities, and how to join, please visit [www.c3a-cyprus.org/limassol](http://www.c3a-cyprus.org/limassol)

